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SUBJECT: US/EC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS--COMMISSION PROPOSES
PARTICIPATION OF HIGH LEVEL TREASURY OFFICIAL

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3427

1. EC COMMISSION EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL LOERKE TELLS US THAT THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT A TOP LEVEL TREASURY OFFICIAL WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EC/US CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 29-30. (BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES WHICH THE COMMISSION PLANS TO RAISE IN THE CONSULTATIONS, IT BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A SENIOR LEVEL TREASURY OFFICIAL PARTICIPATE. LOERKE NOTED THAT THE USG WILL BE REACHING A DECISION ON ABOUT MAY 11 REGARDING POSSIBLE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES AGAINST AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS. COMMISSION DIRECTOR MEYNELL TENTATIVELY PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 26-27 TO DISCUSS DETAILS AND LEGAL IMPLICATION OF THIS CASE. HIS REPORT COULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A USEFUL HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSION IN THE US/EC CONSULTATIONS. THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS CASE ARE SO HUGE, THAT EVEN THE DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES DESERVES HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION IN THE US/EC CONSULTATION CONTEXT.

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FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ARE

DECIDED UPON, TREASURY'S DECISIONS ON DIFFERENTIATED
TREATMENT AMONG VARYING MODELS ASSUMES POLITICAL
IMPORTANCE.

3. BESIDES THE AUTO CASE THE EC WOULD ALSO LIKE
TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF OTHER PENDING TRADE CASES
INVOLVING TREASURY. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WANTS TO DISCUSS
US STEEL'S COURT CHALLENGE OF TREASURY'S DECISION
NOT TO INVESTIGATE REBATED OF VAT ON EC STEEL EXPORTS.
IT ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US VIEWS REGARDING
COUNERVAILING DUTIES ON ITALAINA FLOAT GLASS EXPORTS
AND ANUMBER OF OTHER COUNTERVAILING DUTY AND SIMILAR
PENDING CASES.
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